

Mr. SPEAKER.—What about Kondajji?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Before 1946.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Ranganathpur?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Before 1946.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಚಪ್ಪ.—ಇನ್ನೂ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have called the next question.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—At this stage I rise to a point of order. It is a privilege of the Members of this Assembly to know definite answers to the questions put and the Ministers are presumed to have entered into an implied contract between the Members of the Assembly and themselves to answer the questions properly and if they do not answer the questions properly, then it constitutes a breach of privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member can raise it, of course.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—Therefore, in this case, by giving an incorrect answer to this House; the House has been handicapped for putting proper supplementary questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may give it in writing.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—I have given it yesterday.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Then I will look into it.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—Anyway, this has been a constant complaint on the floor of this House and I have been pressing that point so often that the answers must be correct and to the point regarding the questions asked. The answers furnished by the Treasury Benches are in many cases incorrect and the privilege of the members must be guarded zealously by the Chair. In this case it is not the privilege of an individual Member like Kenchappa, but it is the privilege of the Assembly as a whole.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may also give another notice as regards to-day's question.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—I have asked. That involves extra trouble and at the same time the privilege of the Members of this House has never been respected.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I will put a stop to this. If there is any such thing, it is better that the Hon'ble Member gives notice of it to me. If there is any breach of privilege of this House in respect of the answers given by the Hon'ble Minister for Health, the Hon'ble Member is at liberty to give notice of that also to me.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—Even during the last question hour, the Hon'ble Minister persisted in saying that the answers furnished were correct.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಮುಂದೆ ನೋಡೋಣ.

(Question No. 1382 was called and the Member was absent.)

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Yesterday due to the absence of the Hon'ble Minister concerned this question was postponed. But today the Hon'ble Member is not present. So, will this question be taken up tomorrow?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It cannot be helped.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅವರು ಅವುತ್ಯಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I cannot help it.

Procedure for Excise Auctions in the State.

Q.—1185. Sri V. KUMAR NAIK (Shorapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the date when the right of sale of arrack, toddy, beer, opium, ganja and other excise articles were auctioned in various districts of Mysore State;

(b) the name of each district and the auction bid for each item may be given since 1954 to 1957 (both years inclusive);

(c) the procedure adopted by the Government from 1953 to 1955 in disposing of the same;

(d) the reasons for not following the same procedure in the matter this year?

A.—Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Excise and Rural Industries).—

GULBARGA DIVISION

(a) I Bangalore District.

From 15th May 1957 to 30th May 1957.

II Mandya District.

From 17th May 1957 to 25th May 1957.

III Mysore District.

From 16th May 1957 to 30th May 1957.

IV Hassan District.

From 18th May 1957 to 23rd May 1957.

1. Gulbarga District.

From 23rd August 1957 to 26th August 1957.

2. Raichur District.

From 12th to 14th August 1957.
19th to 21st August 1957.

3. Bidar District.

From 29th to 31st August 1957.

(b) Vide statement given below.

(c) The procedure laid down in the Mysore Excise Manual and the Hyderabad Abkari Act has been adopted.

(d) Does not arise in the view of reply to (c).

STATEMENT

Auction bid

Year	Arrack	Ganja	Opium	Special Liquor	Béer Taverns	Bottled Beer	Toddy
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BANGALORE DISTRICT

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1953-54 ...	23,00,784	1,22,112	1,05,848	1,69,230	2,22,000	16,850	30,67,260
1954-55 ...	21,03,576	1,51,886	1,06,440	98,784	2,95,632	19,200	30,28,620
1955-56 ...	23,80,812	1,30,224	1,30,644	1,12,248	1,95,220	19,200	31,41,612
1956-57 ...	26,16,564	2,46,432	1,71,096	1,23,312	6,54,950	30,000	34,60,632
1957-58 ...	22,39,260	3,48,456	1,42,468	1,01,760	8,03,040	25,260	20,34,080

MYSORE DISTRICT

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1953-54 ...	8,37,838	88,496	25,992	69,576	...	12,400	16,67,416
1954-55 ...	9,16,728	1,02,912	16,992	78,456	...	15,900	17,75,112
1955-56 ...	8,63,712	78,840	26,472	76,668	...	21,300	16,60,248
1956-57 ...	8,88,204	1,40,928	32,076	80,196	...	20,400	17,06,028
1957-58 ...	8,14,512	1,46,496	30,576	69,840	...	24,012	16,41,720

MANDYA DISTRICT

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1953-54 ...	2,16,166	36,108	8,618	18,000	...	...	5,37,576
1954-55 ...	2,36,184	40,932	4,188	18,096	...	...	5,97,744
1955-56 ...	2,49,060	31,884	3,108	19,500	...	...	6,16,684
1956-57 ...	2,45,292	66,624	6,492	19,512	...	...	6,40,212
1957-58 ...	2,24,784	67,674	6,240	16,464	...	...	5,15,580

HASSAN DISTRICT

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1953-54 ...	3,84,888	42,162	6,516	81,012	...	...	10,11,716
1954-55 ...	3,05,328	49,560	7,092	84,036	...	...	7,28,061
1955-56 ...	2,99,652	45,720	6,768	83,220	...	...	7,69,840
1956-57 ...	3,31,932	66,240	8,484	88,788	...	...	9,26,580
1957-58 ...	3,12,984	90,744	12,516	84,948	...	...	8,05,200

(SRI MOHAMED ALI)

GULBARGA DIVISION

Year	Sendhi	Liquor	Opium	Ganja	Special Liquor
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GULBARGA DISTRICT

	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1954-55	20,02,044	3,11,520	28,104	59,910	13,752
1955-56	17,38,644	2,71,428	28,068	59,160	12,150
1956-57	19,30,204	2,52,162	23,472	60,534	15,050
1957-58	19,59,916	2,72,172	20,280	49,536	20,055

RAICHUR DISTRICT

1954-55	22,49,220	6,57,008	30,324	1,17,120	...
1955-56	20,82,372	5,39,328	27,408	1,05,060	28,945
1956-57	22,22,508	6,18,840	28,032	1,21,332	27,987
1957-58	26,24,172	6,83,958	19,260	90,396	43,120

BIDAR DISTRICT

1954-55	7,01,604	6,72,264	32,976	43,536	...
1955-56	2,41,514	55,608	31,668	41,892	...
1956-57	3,84,192	38,520	32,724	44,160	...
1957-58	3,40,464	84,844	22,236	30,144	...

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—Will the Government give the names of the highest bidders in each District for toddy and arrack in the year 1957-58?

*Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That is a matter of great detail. There are thousands of shops and a number of groups and I have not got so much of detailed information with me now.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—What are the reasons for the heavy fall in the bid amounts in the year 1957-58 when compared to that of 1956?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I have furnished a statement on the floor of the Assembly regarding the sales for the year 1957-58 which contain all the details about excise rentals.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that due to the reason that all the shops were jointly auctioned in Bangalore City that the bid was low?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The statement contains all the details and a copy of the statement has been furnished to the Hon'ble Member and from that statement it is clear that the Excise rentals for the year 1957-58 are not unsatisfactory.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—The reason for this particular question is not to be found in the statement. It has been simply stated in the statement how things have happened in that particular year. Is it not just because all the shops at Bangalore City were auctioned in one group, that the bid amount was low?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That is a detailed statement in which all the reasons have been mentioned and I do not feel any necessity to repeat the whole statement here.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—No chance was given to us to discuss that statement. That is why we are putting this question.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—As per rules, it was open to the Hon'ble Members to ask for a chance to discuss the statement, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—At the time of the Budget discussion, this question may be raised.

1-30 P.M.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The Hon'ble Minister was saying that the auction sales were not unsatisfactory. On page

15, in the last column, in Bangalore District, you notice, that the sale value of Toddy was 34 lakhs in 56-57 and 20 lakhs in 57-58. Does he consider that as not unsatisfactory?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, the excise rental rates are bound to vary and fluctuate from year to year. We have to take into consideration the average amount which Government realised from year to year. So far as average rentals are concerned, there is an increase, Sir.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, I do not know how the Government have worked out the average. From 53-54 up to 56-57 it is more than 30,000; in 56-57, it is 34,000. Therefore, the average cannot be less than 32,000. 20,000 is not the average at all.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, we have taken into consideration 3 years average.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Even then, it is higher than 30,000.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, the average was taken into consideration in so far as toddy is concerned. So far as the fall in the rental rate of toddy shops is concerned, I have given reasons that Government has taken a decision this year not to allow tapping in dry area. Consequently contractors have to tap only in wet areas which are far away and sometimes the distance is more than 140 miles. That is why there has been some fall in the rental rates.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that the fall in Bangalore District is due to the reason that shops in Bangalore were auctioned at lot?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That is not the fact. The same procedure that was adopted in 56-57 has been adopted in 57-58 also. Therefore, that cannot be the reason.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that in 56-57 individual shops were auctioned and in 57-58 groups of shops were auctioned?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The Hon'ble member may refer to the statement wherein I have given all the details and there is no deviation so far as procedure is concerned.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it not a fact that the fall is due to the

monopoly that is prevailing among the contractors and will Government take steps to see that the monopoly is broken in the interests of the State?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That is only a suggestion of the Hon'ble member.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I am asking whether any steps have been taken by Government to prevent this monopoly. Why do the Government feel so helpless about this?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Only one question at a time please.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My first question is, will the Government stop this monopoly? Why do they feel helpless?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Helplessness is a different thing.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜಿ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಎಕ್ಸೈಜು ಹರಾಜು ಬಿರಾಧಿಕಾರಗಳ ಸಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆಯೇ? ಅಥವಾ ಎಕ್ಸೈಜು ಕಮಿಷನರ ಸಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—As per rules auctions are being held by the Deputy Commissioners.

Sri V. KUMAR NAIK.—Is it not a fact that tenders should be called for and auction held and the highest bidder given the contract? Why was this procedure not followed?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member's information is not correct; tenders were called for.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is the monopoly running counter to the rules of public auction, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a different question.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Just now a point was raised by an Hon'ble member that the monopoly should be broken. I want to know whether such a monopoly infringes the rules of public auction.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, shops are put to auction and therefore, the question of monopoly does not arise. Whoever is the highest bidder, he would be entitled for the contract.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are the Government aware that if these shops had been sold individually, a larger amount would have been realised?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I have given all the details in my statement. There were no bidders for individual shops.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—I want to know whether the Government have realised all the bid amounts from 53-54 up to 56-57?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—So far as arrears are concerned, I have not got the figures because this supplementary does not arise out of the main question.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is there no instance where a defaulter has been allowed to bid in a subsequent auction?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—As per rules, such a person is not allowed to bid in auctions. It depends on the merit of the case also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ದೇಶದ ಕೆಲವು ಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೆಂಡ, ಬೀರು, ಅಫೀಮು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಮೊದಕಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆಂದು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಉಳಿದ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಇವುಗಳ ಹಾವಳಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮೂಲ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ವಿವರಗಳು ಇವೆನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಉದ್ಭವಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Firstly it does not arise out of the main question and secondly, there were two direct questions relating to this and I have already answered them.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಬಿ. ನೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 1957-58 ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಹೆಂಡದ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ರೂ. 20,34,080, ಎಂದು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರ ಒಕ್ಕೆಯ ಹೆಂಡವನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡದೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ಇಷ್ಟು ಕಡಮೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವೇ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—No, Sir, it is not so.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, Government were pleased to say that the shops were put for sale and then tenders were called for. I want to know whether it is correct.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, tenders were called for and later on shops were put to sale.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Is it contrary to the usual practice or is it the usual practice?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is according to the usual custom and procedure laid down in the rules.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Sir, is this due to the fact that the Excise Minister and the Prohibition Minister is the same? (laughter)

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not fair.

Lands taken over by landlords from tenants in Belgaum and Khanapur Taluks.

Q.—1389. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of tenants from whom landlords have taken over lands in Belgaum and Khanapur Taluks since 1948;

(b) the number of tenants who have lodged complaints in this behalf;

(c) action taken by them on these complaints?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Belgaum Taluka ...	3,923
Khanapur Taluka ...	400

4,323

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b).

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(In Marathi) What is the extent of the lands taken from the tenants?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I cannot give the figures in acreage.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(In Marathi) Are there any tenants who have surrendered their lands?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—A greater number of these persons may be persons who have surrendered their lands.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(In Marathi) What is their number?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I have not got the figures.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(In Marathi) Have any tenants complained that the lands have been taken away from them by force?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—No tenant has lodged any complaint.